

MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy Subject: Approved Abbreviations	
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PURPOSE:

To provide sanctioned abbreviations for documentation in patient records.

POLICY:

Only approved abbreviations will be used for documenting in patient records and for interpreting physician orders.

PROCEDURE:

Observe only the following abbreviations when charting:

A	before	appt	appointment
Abd	abdomen	ASA	aspirin
Ac	before meals	ASAP	as soon as possible
ADL	activities of daily living	ASHD	atherosclerotic heart disease
		AWS	alcohol withdrawal syndrome
ad lib	as desired	BID; bid	twice daily
adm	admission	BM	bowel movement
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	B/P or BP	blood pressure
		BG	blood sugar (glucose)

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A.M. morning	BRP bathroom privileges
AMA against medical advice	c with
amt amount	C centigrade
approx approximately	CA cancer
cath catheter	DUI driving under the influence
caps capsules	DWI driving while intoxicated
CAT; CT computerized axial tomography	Dx diagnosis
CBC complete blood count	EEG electroencephalogram
cc cubic centimeter	EENT eye-ear-nose-throat
CHF congestive heart failure	e. g. for example
c/o complain of	EKG; ECG electrocardiogram
CMV cytomegalovirus	elix elixir
CNS central nervous system	ENT ear, nose, throat
c.o.; co court ordered	ER emergency room
COE court order evaluation	et and
conc concentrate	ETOH alcohol
cont continue	F Fahrenheit
COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	FA forearm
CPR cardiopulmonary resuscitation	FBS fasting blood sugar
CR capillary refill	FVT forced voluntary treatment
crank methamphetamine	Fx fracture
CVA Cerebrovascular accident	GC gonococcus, gonorrhea
DAT diet as tolerated	GI gastrointestinal
detox detoxification	Gm gram
DC; dc discontinue	gr grain

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diff	differential	gtt	drop
disch	discharge	G. U.	Genito-urinary
DFS	Department of Family Service	HA	headache
DOC	drug of choice or Dept. Of Corrections	HCV HC	hepatitis C virus hydrocortisone
DM	diabetes mellitus	HEENT	Head, eyes, ears, nose & throat
Dr.	doctor	hgb or Hg	hemoglobin
drsg	dressing	HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
DT's	delirium tremens	H O	water
H & P	history & physical	misc	miscellaneous
hr	hour	mcg	microgram
HS	hour of sleep	ml	milliliter
ht, HT	height	mEg	milliequivalent
HTN	hypertension	M. J.	Marijuana
Hx	history	mm	millimeter
i.e.	that is	mn or MN	midnight
IHS	Indian Health Service	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
IM	intramuscular	MS	multiple sclerosis
incont	incontinent	no.	number
invol.	involuntary	noc; noct	night
I&O	intake & output	NPO	nothing by mouth
irreg.	irregular	NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
IV	intravenous	NKA	no known allergies
LOC	level of consciousness	NKDA	no known drug allergies
Lt, L	left	NTE	not to exceed

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lab	laboratory	NVD	nausea-vomiting-diarrhea
lb.	pound	NCP	nursing care plan
liq.	liquid	neg	negative
LLQ	left lower quadrant	neuro	neurological
LUQ	left upper quadrant	NG	nasogastric
lytes	electrolytes	no.	number
MAOI	monoamine-oxidase inhibitor	oz.	Ounce
MAR	medication administration record	O	oxygen
MCDC	Montana Chemical Dependency Center	O.D.	right eye
mg	milligram	oint	ointment
MI	myocardial infarction	OOB	out of bed
min	minute	O&P	ova & parasites
MIP	minor in possession	O.S.	left eye
OTC	over the counter	QID; qid	four times a day
O.U.	both eyes	qs	quantity sufficient
p	after	R; resp	respiration
P	pulse	R; Rt	right
PPE	personal protective equipment	RBC	red blood cells
p.c.	after meals	RLQ	right lower quadrant
P.E.A.R.L.	pupils equal and reactive to light	RN	registered nurse
PDR	Physician s Desk Reference	R/O	rule out
P.E.	physical exam	ROM	range of motion
per	by; through	RPR	lab test for syphilis (rapid plasma reagin)
P.M.	afternoon	Rx	prescription
pos	positive	sol.	solution

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post-op after operation	stat immediately
PPD purified protein derivative	STD sexually transmitted disease
pre-op before operation	subq subcutaneous
PRN; prn as necessary; as needed	supp suppository
PTSD post traumatic stress disorder	s/s signs & symptoms
pt patient	Sx symptoms SZ seizure
P.T. physical therapy	T temperature
PTU primary treatment unit	tab tablet
P.T.A. prior to admission PUD peptic ulcer disease	TB tuberculosis
q every	Tbsp. tablespoon
q A.M. every morning	TIA transient ischemic attack
q d every day	TID; tid three times a day
q h every hour	TO telephone order
qod every other day	TPR temperature, pulse, respirations
TSH thyroid stimulating hormone	V.O. verbal order
tsp. teaspoon	vol voluntary
TU Tuberculin unit	VS vital signs
UA urinalysis	WBC white blood count
URI upper respiratory infection	w/c wheel chair
UTI urinary tract infection	wk week
U Do not use U for unit when referring to insulin	WNL within normal limits
vag vaginal	WT; wt Weight
vit vitamin	
SYMBOLS	

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at	murmur
male	percent
female	hour or degree
down; decrease	pound
up; increase	ounce
negative	questionable
positive	change
equal to	psychiatric
less than	absence of; no problem
Greater than	times
one half	

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